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The Bandon woolen mill has started up. Pendleton drinks 25 carloads of beer every summer. Wheat brings 30 cents at the Pendleton roller mills.

A hardwood sawmill is being set up at Coquille City. Benton county will have about \$20,000 of this year's taxes delinquent. Quite a little orange hedge is being set out in Polk county this summer.

The elevator at Adams has distributed 240,000 grain sacks in the past ten days. Salem has spent, so Banker McCormack says, \$30,000 for bicycles this summer.

A Swede laborer fell off a raft at the head of the rapids, near Celilo, Friday and was drowned. August 21 to 28 has been set as the date for the Southern Oregon Chatauqua at Ashland, recently postponed.

Ashland is to have its talked-of telephone connection with Jacksonville and Medford. Talent and Phoenix will be taken in on the way. It was decided at the Salem hop convention Saturday to pay pickers 40 cents for nine-bushel boxes. Hop harvest will begin about September 5.

The sugar beet agitation is still being actively carried on in Union county, with considerable encouragement to hope for the establishment of the factory. There is a thresher's trust in Marion county, under whose exactions the farmers are becoming restive. Of course, no populist would belong to a thresher's trust.

A telephone and telegraph line between Grant's Pass and Crescent City is being projected. Grant's Pass is to furnish a subsidy of \$1,000, to be a credit available for rates. Grant county claims the youngest taxpayer in the state of Oregon. Miss Blanche Thibault is not yet 7 years of age, but she is assessed for and pays taxes on property worth \$20.

Ed Yancy's oldest son, Clarence, about 15 years of age, was run over by a threshing machine at Cottage Grove Friday, breaking his thigh. Two physicians are attending him, but his recovery is doubtful. William B. Carey came into Port Orford one day last week, and was noticed hugging a fine sea otter skin to his bosom. It was owned jointly by himself and Joe Steve, and was sold to Charley Crew for \$189.

The annual catalogue and calendar of the state agricultural college is out, printed at the school, even to the engraving of the numerous illustrations. The fall term begins September 20. The total enrollment is 230. Jefferson Williams, a prominent citizen of Looking Glass, and Mrs. Mary A. Majory, of Myrtle Point, were married in Empire City August 1, R. J. Cussans officiating. The groom is 70 years old and the bride is aged 61.

A good many fruit dryers are going up this summer near Milton, and the bulk of the output hereafter will be shipped dried. This seems the best way of making fruit a commercial product. Canned goods are a surplus everywhere. The Christian temperance women of Salem conduct, at some pains and expense, a free reading room as a means of grace. To make it more attractive, one of them has been tending and training some flowers in front of the windows. Such sacrifices are so much appreciated in Salem, that Wednesday night somebody tore the vines loose and carried off the plants, pots and all.

S. V. Rehart and T. E. Bernard, of Lakeview, have invented a hay-loading machine which picks up the hay just as it is left by the mower, and lands it in the wagon. It has a side delivery, the same as a feeder. It has been tried in the hayfield and is a practical success. The third annual excursion given by the railway conductors will be run to Silverton on Sunday, August 12. Trains will be run from Portland, Albany, Salem, Brownsville, Woodburn, Oregon City, and stop at other points for passengers.

The Coquille hay crop is enormous, breaking all records. Hay, if carefully handled and judiciously marketed, will be a godsend to its lucky owners this year. It is one of the crops whose price has not gone down with overproduction. The California drought is the chief element in the situation. The contemplated sale of the Black Butte mine at Fox has been declared off for the present. The bond held by Daly & Haggan has expired and Mr. E. C. Allen, the present owner of the mine, refuses to grant them an extension of time on the \$100,000 bond held by them.

John Dick, a Siletz Indian, met with a fatal accident Friday hunting on Otter creek, on the reservation. In getting on his horse the hammer of his gun struck the saddle in some way, discharging it, the entire contents going into the body of Dick, causing his death almost instantly. The Harrisburg Lumber Company has purchased the machinery belonging to the Crider & Sears saw mill of Dallas, and are now moving it with teams to Harrisburg, where it will be operated by water power. The logs to be used by the mill will be brought from the McKenzie valley.—Guard.

Prof. C. Elton Blanchard, formerly principal of the Coquille public school has accepted a professorship of political economy at Grand River Institute at Austsburg, Ohio. Prof. Blanchard's theories regarding money are becoming widely and favorably known throughout the eastern states.—Times. In this county the "steal stoves" are being sold for 175 on November promissory notes. Some of the farmers, may be a number of them, that buy these pretty, high-priced stoves for a promise to pay, will, in the fall, find each might scarce and wish the old woman had worried along awhile with the old cracked, cast-iron fellow, and the smart steel stove young fellow was in Jericho.—Oregon City Courier.

Ernest Hubbard, who lives near Diley, and is about 17 years of age, was drawing sand from the bank across the Tualatin river, south of that town to Forest Grove, had on Wednesday morning put on a load of about 3,000 pounds and started home. He drove on the bridge spanning the Tualatin, usually known as the Jackson bridge, and when on the main span over the water it fell, pitching wagon, team and driver into the water some 35 feet below. Wonderful to relate, his injuries are not so serious but that he will recover. The wagon is somewhat broken and one horse is injured.

The following is from the Astoria Budget: "One of the most singular friendships I ever saw," said A. R. Mayfield, "is that between a rooster and two cats. The intimacy has lasted two years without a break, bidding fair to continue throughout the lifetime of the fowl and the animals. They are constantly together, the cats following the rooster wherever he goes and he in turn calling them up as he would hens whenever he finds food. When night comes he roosts upon a feed box, while the cats sleep together in the box. It is a case of pure infatuation and the three are inseparable.

The following from the Pendleton East Oregonian is worthy of the consideration of the farmers generally: F. D. Mattison, while here Sunday from Walla Walla, commenting on wheat prospects, said: "Our crop is a splendid one, and an average yield of about thirty-two bushels will be the outcome I think. Quite a number of farmers are threshing forty-five bushels, and I know of some who have moved fifty bushels from every acre they have got. These exceptional yields, I notice, are always in the fields of those who farm very carefully. Big returns—I mean returns far above the average—do not come by chance. There is a well defined cause behind such good results, and in every instance that cause is thorough farming. Perhaps in no other section will care and industry bring larger returns than in the inland Empire.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.
CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—At a meeting of the general strike committee selected by the special committee of the American Railway Union last week, and which was held at Uhlrich's hall this morning, it was decided to declare the strike off in Chicago. This does not include the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, nor the Atchison & Topeka, where the men have voted to continue the strike to settle local grievances, and where they think they have fair show of winning. There were 24 local Union representatives at the meeting this afternoon, and each representative had been empowered to declare the strike off. The meeting was a secret one, and at adjournment the only statement given out was the following: By a vote of the local Unions of the American railway Union in Chicago, they have decided that the strike shall be declared off in the city of Chicago, with the exception of local unions on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Atchison & Topeka where the strike still remains in full force and effect. This is effective at 7 o'clock Monday morning, August 6. The decision does not apply to the systems outside of Chicago, and the Pullman employes will be expected to settle their own differences. Resolutions explaining the reasons for calling off the strike were adopted. The example set by the Chicago unions will be followed immediately by the unions throughout the western country, and by Wednesday night, at the latest, the strike will be declared off all over the country, except on the two named. Debs left the city tonight for Terre Haute, and will go from there to New York, where he will deliver a lecture at Cooper Institute. Debs has been offered a large salary to travel and lecture under the auspices of a Boston lecture bureau, which he may accept while East.

White Girls Marrying Chinese.
PROVIDENCE, R. I. August 4.—Moy Ti Sam, a Chinese tea merchant of Boston, married Sarah Wilson, a young and good-looking American girl, in this city yesterday. Lawyer Lieurgus Sayles, who is usually retained for the Chinese in this locality, says that several more Chinese will wed young white girls here before long, and that one of the prospective brides is a beautiful girl who has been educated at the normal school. This city is in fact fast becoming the Mecca of Chinese who desire to marry white girls. There are so many of these mixed marriages that the authorities begin to suspect the existence of a matrimonial bureau which supplies white wives for the Chinese.

Leg Amputated.
Our readers will remember that a few weeks ago a gentleman by the name of Thomas Morgan was run over by the overland train at Halsey, and was so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate one of his legs. Being very old, 72 years, the flesh did not heal, but began to decay, and on last Wednesday Dr. Geary, of Halsey, assisted by Dr. Starr, of this place, amputated the member a second time, this time just above the knee. The old gentleman is gradually growing weaker, and it is feared that a few more weeks, at most, will end his earthly career. The extremely warm weather we are having at present greatly lessens his chances of recovery.—Brownsville Times.

An Indian's Talk.
The following from the Pendleton East Oregonian gives an amusing dissertation by an Indian in which he gets off some of the unreasonable causes for hard times advanced by even some white men: "Liberty" is one of the best known Indians on the reservation. He has become sufficiently familiar with people so that he has thoroughly learned their language and expresses himself in no uncertain manner when commenting on things and events in general. The following conversation actually took place in a Pendleton store between Liberty and a clerk. Liberty came into the store a few days since and said: "How are you feeling now?" The clerk remarked that there was no complaint on the score of health, when Liberty said: "Oh, you're all right, only you need fixing. What do you know?" The clerk began to opine that the thermometer was ranging high, when Liberty drew on a worn-out slang expression and answered: "Don't for the love of the happy hunting grounds give me any such chestnuts. Tell me something which is fresh." Liberty was then asked what he knew and he replied: "I know that I am down on the Stuffed Prophet who occupies the executive chair at Washington. It's set on account of

his letter which was read to the congressmen on the tariff question. That letter was all right. In fact I rather join him in his economic views and give them full endorsement. But what I kick about is simply this—when Harrison was president we Indians had plenty of money. Last year the rains spoiled the crops and this year for some reason or other things have gone badly. I only know old Cleveland is president and should have made money plenty among us redskins. He has failed and so I don't like him. I would be willing to dynamite him, boil him in oil, or do any other desperate thing. I've got it in for Cleveland and don't care who knows it."

A Suicide at Medford.
A Medford, Jackson county dispatch of Friday says that Owen Grigsby, a young man residing at Eagle Point, about 18 miles from that city, committed suicide last night. He was at a dance and appeared unusually happy, and was, apparently, having lots of fun. Some one remarked to him that he was having a good time, whereupon he replied: "Yes, I am, but you can all go to my funeral tomorrow." Nothing was thought of it, however, until this morning, when he was found dead in his bed, having died from the effects of poison. He was a well respected boy, about 21 years old, and the whole community is shocked at the news of his self destruction. He had just returned from Eastern Oregon, and it is thought the cause of his suicide originated there.

Of Interest to Hop Growers.
We received this week a circular from Thomas & Short, factors of American hops in London, from which we glean that the consumption of hops in England is about 410,000 bales annually. Of this quantity England produces 300,000 bales, and the balance—110,000 is imported from America. It is also stated that the demand for American hops is increasing, of which the English growers are quite jealous. The cost of transporting hops from the Pacific Coast to London is about \$2.95 per 100 pounds. Messrs Thomas & Short further state that English buyers are very critical of the hops they buy, and that choice or good medium are best to ship. They commend the following points to growers' attention: 1. Hops should be as large and full-bodied as possible and whole. They are often unnecessarily broken up in curing and baling which materially reduces their value. 2. A soft, glossy, flaky and elastic sample is a desideratum and is the outcome of judicious management. 3. The preference is for a yellow or golden color. Fine colored, delicate yellowish green is also much liked. But for green hops there is scarcely any sale. The color should be as natural as possible, and not produced by over firing or excessive sulphuring, by which hops are frequently much depreciated. In condition hops should be thoroughly sound. Slack-dried or doubtful hops should never be shipped. Clean picking is also very important. Messrs. Thomas & Short are the pioneer importers of American hops in London and do not handle any other.

Capt. Humphrey's Remarks.
Capt. Humphrey, of Pendleton, is accused with having told the following: "I was accosted a few minutes ago by a fine-looking and robust young man who asked me for 50 cents. I laid my hand on the young man's shoulder and asked him what he wanted with so much free silver in these days of financial depression and overproduction. He replied that he wanted to get something to eat; that he had been looking for work, but could not get more than \$1.50 per day for driving a heeder, and that he did not propose to work and for any such starvation wages." "Well, son," I replied, continued the captain, "don't you know 'way back in '57, '58 and '59, young men like you swung a heavy cradle the whole blessed day for 50 cents, and were quite well satisfied, and in those days farmers received 60 cents a bushel for their wheat. In other words a man earned in those days the price of one bushel of wheat for his day's labor, whereas now the farmer receives a scant 30 cents for his wheat and you are unwilling to work for \$1.50 per day, or five bushels of wheat. Why, bless me, if times were as good in those days as now, the people would have considered this God's own country. To be able to earn five bushels of wheat in one day and meat and groceries in proportion, a man today at ruling prices for labor can earn enough in two months to supply himself with food for a year."

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